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Journey Enews

Things to Know:

Join us this weekend online as we wrap up our series "Bible Heroes" at Journey! Our Service times and Facebook Information are down below.

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Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
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You Be You

I just read about an author who was born in South Korea but grew up in America in a single-parent home with his mom. I spent a year of my life (1974-1975) at a missile site in South Korea serving in the U.S. Army. Though desperately missing my wife new daughter, I grew a warm affection for the people living in this "Land of the morning calm."

As I read about the young South Korean arriving in America unable to speak a word of English, I immediately related. In a similar way I was living in South Korea and unable to speak the language of his homeland. The author mentioned going to school in California and just having to figure it out, a few words at a time. I can still remember my first Korean phrase, a formal hello: *"anneonghasimnikka."*

This idea of a language barrier sparks in me thoughts of how other areas of unique differences often create obstacles or barriers. Marriage counselors spend time identifying styles of communication through personality testing. I sometimes think that maybe giving labels to our particular communication styles can create more disharmony. It seems like we're given license to be a certain way, based on how we scored on the personality profile.

What if we just worked on loving one another more deeply, as Jesus loves us? I sometimes wonder if this wouldn't do a ton of good in every marriage, regardless of their individual personality profiles. After all, isn't love the universal language every healthy couple needs to speak? Just saying.

As a parent of adult children who now have their own children, I often think about how I might be a better grandparent than I was a parent. Why is that? What if I was unwittingly attempting to shape my three children to be more the same and less uniquely individual? Don't misunderstand me - in every family there must be some degree of conformity for peaceful co-existence. But looking back now, I wonder if I should have given room for a little more individualism.

Funny thing about life - eventually we usually all get around to gaining deeper insights about other people and ourselves. It's complicated, as they say. I wish it were simpler. But God is the architect who drew up the plans for each and every person. Read Psalm 139:13-16 and Jeremiah 29:11 again.

If your native birth-language is Korean, that is who you are. God planned it that way. It is not a weakness. That doesn't mean you can't become bilingual and move 5,000 miles around the world to live in America. Even a country boy like me from Oddville, Kentucky, can learn a few conversational Korean words while while living in a foreign land.

As people come out of hiding, back into the post-coronavirus world, what if we relaxed a bit? God has created each of us in His image; everyone on the planet. Though every person and nation is unique in its own way, we're all just people.

What if the best way to be a better world after this pandemic fades is the same strategy for being a better family? What if we just let you be you and me be me, as uniquely as God created us?

Moving Forward. God is Good.

Bobby D.

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